

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2995 - HB 4162**

February 19, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes funeral or burial expenses for crime victims, where no estate is opened, to be reimbursed from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund to the relative of the victim who actually paid all or part of such expenses, except for when life insurance or funeral or burial insurance covers such expenses. Authorizes victims of hit-and-run collisions to be eligible for compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$200,000/Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund**

Assumptions:

- A minimum of twenty claims per year requesting reimbursement of funeral expenses.
- The average funeral/burial payment is estimated to be \$3,000 each.
- A minimum of fourteen claims per year involving hit-and-run collisions.
- The average payment to victims of hit and run is estimated to be \$10,000 each.
- The increase of state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$200,000 [(20 funerals x \$3,000) + (14 hit-and-run accidents x \$10,000) = \$200,000] per year.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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